Operations by security forces are being launched regularly on the basis of information gathered and notable sucesses have been achieved in killing or capuring terrorists and recovering substantial quantities of arms and ammunition stored by them. There measures would continue unabted till the terrorist groups have been neutralised.

Pension to the members of I.N.A.

@3192. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the members of the Indian National Army (Azad Hindi Fauj) throughout the country State-wise, who are getting pension; and

(b) what is the present number of applications pending in this regard and by when they are likely to be settled and the reasons for which they have not been settled so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Pension from the Central Revenues has been sanctioned in 21345 cases in so far as ex-INA (Azad Hind Fauj) personnel are concerned, State-wise break-up of such personnel is not available with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) No application received by the prescribed date viz. 31st March, 1982 is pending. However, requests for review continue to be received. These are considered in the light of the fresh evidence, if any, produced by the person concerned.

@*Previously Unstarred* Question 2379 transferred from 28th August, 1990.

Demands of a Welfare Association of the Passport Offices

3193. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some demands from the Karna Karamchari Welfare Association of the Passport Offices; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken on their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some representations have been received from employees of the Passport Offices including the demand for recognition of the 'Karamchari Welfare Association'.

(b) No new staff association of the employees of the Central Government are being recognised at present. However, keeping in view the staff representations, steps have been taken for a few transfer policy, cadre review for improved promotional prospects and increase in the staff strength.

Regional Staff Training Institute for AIR and Doordarshan at Bhubaneswar

3194. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a Regional Staff Training Institute at Bhubaneswar for training All India Radio and Doordarshan staff from 11 States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, whether the work of the project has started; and

(c) the cost of the project and the time fixed for its completion?